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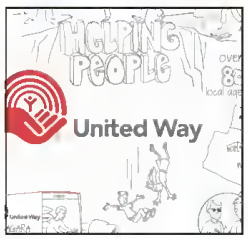

United Way campaign underway

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NOTL residents benefit from agencies funded by United Way

Afternoon concert for Red Roof

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Jazz, blues, reggae at community centre

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Principal goes to jail

Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Niagara Regional Police auxiliary officer Michael Robinson pushes Crossroads Public School principal Troy Wallace into a paddy wagon Thursday morning in front of school staff and students, but all for a good cause—Wallace's bail money was collected as part of a fundraiser for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. For story see page 13.

MPP Kim Craitor resigns

Resignation effective immediately

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

Saying he has to put his health and family first, MPP Kim Craitor has announced he is retiring from politics.

The resignation of the MPP who represented Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie took effect at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

The news came two days after his 67th birthday and six days shy of his 10th anniversary in office.

A press release issued by Ron Planche, Liberal supporter and Craitor's former executive assistant, said Craitor was not expected to be available for interviews and directed all media calls to Karen Gansel, president of the Niagara Falls Provincial Liberal Party.

Calls to Craitor's cellphone and his home were not returned.

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Pringle to speak at fundraiser for children orphaned by AIDS

Nyanyas of Niagara event to benefit Stephen Lewis Foundation

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Canadian TV host and journalist Valerie Pringle is not quite a nyanya, but that next stage of her life is not far off.

She didn't hesitate when asked to speak at An Evening of Good Things, a fundraising event hosted by a group of local grannies to help their African counterparts raising grandchildren orphaned by AIDS.

The grandmothers behind the event are members of Nyanyas of Niagara, a group of "grandmothers and grand-others" who are part of a country-wide campaign raising funds to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which supports African grandmothers struggling to raise more than 13 million children orphaned by AIDS.

Since the 2006 launch of the campaign, more than 240 groups of Canadian grandmothers have organized and more than $10 million has been raised to fund community organizations in 15 African countries, providing grandmothers with much-needed support, such as food, housing grants, school fees for their grandchildren and grief counselling.

Pringle is eagerly anticipating the birth of a granddaughter in March, when she officially becomes a nyanya, but this event also appealed to her because of her long association with and support for AIDS-related causes.

She is a spokesperson for the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research, an organization chaired by her husband Andrew. Stephen Lewis sits on the board of CANFAR, and asked Valerie to sit on the board of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

"I'm happy to be involved. This is something I'm honoured and thrilled to do," she says.

"The cause and the organization are really important to me."

Pringle has been to Africa. She has climbed to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro to film a documentary about a group of women who were doing the climb as a fundraiser for UMATU, a support group for people living with AIDS and HIV in Tanzania—she helped organize the expedition.

"We raised money to buy the land and to build a resource centre for these women. This is one of the things I'm most proud of," she says.

UMATU was not a Stephen Lewis project originally, but is now under the auspices of the foundation, and is one of the success stories he can point to.

As a mother, it's impossible to imagine what it must be like for African grandmothers who are watching their children and grandchildren suffering from AIDS with nothing they can do, nowhere to turn for help, Pringle says. "I have huge empathy for them."

While our gaze has been diverted by other issues amd other problems, she added, "this hasn't gone away. It's important to remind people that the need is still there."

Retired from broadcasting, Pringle is often sought out as a speaker by not-for-profit organizations, so she can choose those which mean the most to her.

She is the co-chair of the Trans Canada Trail, and so was happy to lend her name to the Laura Secord walk—the legacy trail has become part of the Trans Canada—and other 1812 events.

And although she isn't in town full-time and is still much in demand as a speaker in Toronto, she is happy to help out when she can.

When the Pringles bought an historic home in NOTL to renovate, "it was totally my husband's project. He wanted the house," says Pringle. "I was really hesitant. But now I spend as much time here as I can. It's so beautiful, so peaceful, and so much fun. I adore it here," she says.

PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Terry Mactaggart of Nyanyas of Niagara, journalist Valerie Pringle and Debi Pratt of Jackson-Triggs plan an event at the winery to raise money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation and his Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign. Pringle will be the guest speaker.

An Evening of Good Things is being held Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Jackson-Triggs Winery, 2145 Niagara Stone Rd. from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Appetizers and two glasses of wine are included in the price, and you can enjoy your wine as you tour the winery.

Also featured is Dr. Beatrice Ombuki-Berman, a NOTL resident and associate professor of computer science at Brock University, showcasing African fashions.

She came to Niagara in 2002, and has several African friends in the area, who will join her in modelling African dress.

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CARRIAGE TRADE

Cancer society has new head

Hilda McCann named president of local branch

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Hilda McCann says she was very hesitant to accept when board members of the local branch of the Canadian Cancer Society encouraged her to take on the job of president.

She has only been a member of the board a short time, she says, and she prefers "to work quietly behind the scenes."

She's enjoyed the door-to-door canvassing and selling daffodil pins, because she delights in meeting people, and was happy to be one of the workers rather than taking on the leadership position.

But although McCann says she was enjoying being the one to carry out the tasks that needed doing rather than working at an organizational level, she is no stranger to leadership.

Before her retirement she was administrator of the NOTL Hospital, and before that director of nursing at the St. Catharines General.

Although she hesitated to accept the position when former president Debbie Eke decided to step down after four years at the helm, McCann says, "I feel comfortable with the decision."

The board members promised they would help, and she knows they will.

"They are a really good group of people, and they work well as a team. They assured me they will be there to guide me and I know I can count on them to keep their word."

Hilda McCann, new president of the local branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, speaks at last week's Terry Fox Run, held in memory of her daughter Bridie who died of cancer in January.

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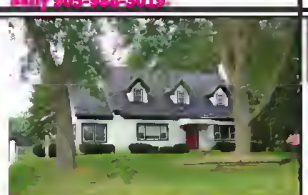

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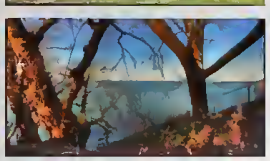

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Taxpayers can expect 2% increase in property taxes next year

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake taxpayers can expect an increase in their property taxes of about 2% next year—at least for the Town's portion.

The increase will raise the municipal levy by about $153,300, to $7,819,413 from $7,666,113 in 2013.

Council agreed to the hike suggested by Town staff at last week's meeting.

Council also agreed to a budget process that includes a 10-year capital budget forecast.

Following the process set out in recent years, the corporate services staff provides council in the fall with a preliminary look at financial requirements for the coming year, and an opportunity for council to provide staff with targets, and guidance on how to meet those targets.

Coun. Gary Zalepa Jr.

Following council's input, capital and operating budgets are presented for approval so the municipal levy can be determined.

The proposed capital budget will be presented to council Nov. 11 and the proposed operating budget Dec. 9, for final approval Dec. 16.

Last year's municipal levy was an increase of 1.87% over 2012.

One of the factors affecting the 2014 budget is the amount of municipal funding that will come from the province. Last year the funding was pegged at $1,078,600, but the Town only received $970,800.

Rising utility costs are also a concern, as are employee benefit costs, particularly with the aging population of the Town's work force, the corporate services report said.

Coun. Gary Zalepa Jr. asked Town staff to provide assessment growth figures and their impact on revenue, particularly as a result of the new Glendale outdoor mall expected to open next spring.

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All Discretionary Grant Applications will be reviewed by a Discretionary Grant Committee which will make recommendations to Council for consideration when deliberating the operating budget.

Information with respect to the Discretionary Grant Policy, Procedure and Application is available at www.notl.org.

Further information pertaining to Discretionary Grants may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk, hdowd@notl.org or 905-468-3266.

Holly Dowd
Town Clerk
September 26, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On Monday, **October 28, 2013**, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-lake will hold a public meeting, pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, to present and obtain public input on the proposed Town-wide development charges by-law, area-specific development charges by-law in the St. Davids community for sanitary sewer service and underlying background study.

All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Meeting of Council and any person who attends the meeting may make representations relating to the proposed by-laws and background study. The meeting is to be held at a Special Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on:
Monday, October 28, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
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In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, copies of the proposed by-laws and the background study are being made available as of **October 11, 2013** from the Town Clerk at the above location and on the Town's website.

Interested persons may express their comments at the Public Meeting or in writing, addressed to the Town Clerk, at the above address prior to 10:00 a.m. on **October 28, 2013.**

Copies of a Corporate Services report will be available at www.notl.org by 12:00 Noon on **Friday, October 25, 2013.**

The Town's consultants (Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.) will review the comments received from the public and a proposed Town-wide development charges by-law and an area-specific development charges by-law in the St. Davids community for sanitary sewer service will be presented for consideration at the regular Council meeting to be held on **November 18, 2013.**

For further information, please contact the Corporate Services Department at 905-468-3266.

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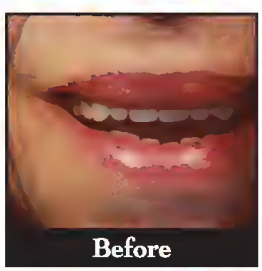

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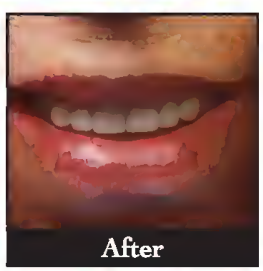

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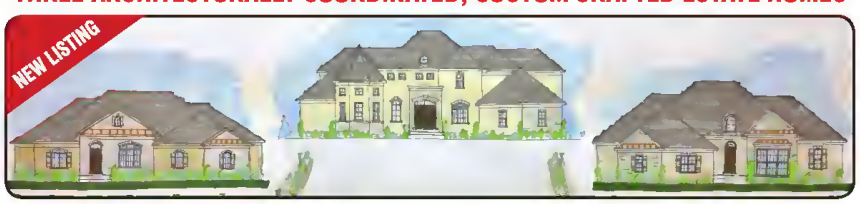

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our editorial

Dock Area improvements not so bad

At the risk of angering a group of residents who are fortunate to live on or near the waterfront, it has to be said that the improvements to the Dock Area that are now underway are likely the least invasive we could have expected.

Granted, during decades of consultants' studies and public meetings, residents have said over and over that they don't want the path along the waterfront paved.

There is a fear that it will become another tourist attraction, that the quiet, beautiful little neighbourhood that sees an occasional visitor to town will be overwhelmed.

We hope that doesn't happen. It is a tranquil area where locals enjoy their walks, and it would be a shame for that to change.

However it's hard to argue with the issue of accessibility. If there is one person who cannot manage the path as is, with a wheelchair or a stroller, then a path is necessary. The Town is to be commended for choosing limestone screening as opposed to pavement.

Yes, thousands of dollars have been spent on consultants' reports and the Town has ignored them. But each of those reports recommended far more aggressive development than the cleanup the Town is undertaking—development that had residents just as up in arms as they are over the path. No one who was paid to study the area suggested just leaving it as is, which would have been the only acceptable answer to most residents of the area.

In this case, maybe we should be grateful those reports were ignored, that there is no asphalt involved in the pathway enhancement, and say thank you for small mercies.

letters to the editor

New president for NOTL CCS

After four years as president of the Niagara-on-the-Lake branch of the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) the time has come for me to step down from this office and I am so very grateful to leave it in capable hands.

As I leave my branch membership that is cohesive and energetic, I am encouraged to know they are in the capable hands of Hilda McCann - as the new president of the NOTL branch of the CCS.

The Advance has been incredibly supportive of me personally and of the Canadian Cancer Society.

My heart is glad to know that Hilda is our new president. She knows first hand the ravages of cancer and how it changes a family in a devastating and eternal finality.

Hilda has made the courageous choice to fight back, to help others in their darkest hours and to make a positive change, however small in the family of mankind.

The NOTL branch is constantly changing in its composition of volunteers and fundraising efforts. In spite of these changes, our mandate remains constant - to give hope ,to give courage and support and to fund research.

Often these seem like hopeless tasks, but every once in a while, someone will reignite our purpose with a comment - 'you made a difference', 'you helped where no one else did'.

As I leave my position of president, I know that I leave the NOTL branch in capable hands and I congratulate Hilda and remind her that she is surrounded by amazing people.

To my branch members, I appreciate the time I have spent with you, your friendship, fellowship, energy and sincerity and I wish you all much continued success, best of health and energy for the cause.

Thank you for sharing my journey.

Stay well and stay united.

Debbie Eke
Past president of NOTL branch, Canadian Cancer Society

Golf tournament benefits Red Roof Retreat

Red Roof Retreat staff member Karalyn Vanaken, client Darren Mook, Krystal Fournier of Red Roof, client Naomi Wilton, Red Roof executive director Steffanie Bjorgan, client Katie Weaver and student Kaitlyn Smith accept a cheque for $4,110 from Lance Parcher on behalf of Modern Landfill. The money was raised at Modern's annual golf tournament, and donated tin memory of a Red Roof client who passed away this summer. Red Roof Retreat offers day programs and respite care for children and young adults with special needs.

Spreading donations to help others in need

Newark Neighbours looking for hoodies and winter boots as fall brings chilly weather

Barbara Ahluwalia
Newark Neighbours

Our thanks once again to St. Andrew's Church for their donation of groceries and toiletries, and to those community members who often drop off bags of supplies.

We are very fortunate to receive so much in the way of clothing but obviously we cannot display it all, so we send some on to other agencies who are also in need, such as Community Care, Project SHARE and Out of the Cold, in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. Summer clothes will to Haiti, and to Women4Women a program held every Thursday at Westview Christian Fellowship, held in the church at the corner of Tasker and Queenston Rd. in St. Catharines. They also have a food cupboard for emergencies.

We could use some hoodies and winter boots, as it is rather chilly out there on the farms early in the morning.

Thank you for continuing support.

Registrations for Thanksgiving are ongoing. Our John St. barn hours are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call us at 905-468-3519.

When it comes to gardening projects, Mother Nature has last word

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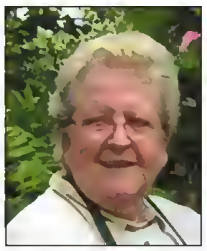

Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

As the rain poured down last Saturday I relaxed.

It meant I did not have to do the bit of border, as planned – then I stopped to wonder, why do we set ourselves tasks that have to be done? When in fact the only one troubled about it would be ourselves – and so it goes.

I was glad I had not done the weed-killer project as the rain would have diluted the potency and I would have had to do it over again (can you hear the excuses?).

No one was impressed with my lack of enthusiasm, guilt was the main factor and then it hit me – the weather is the 'big boss' when it comes to gardening, so the chores will just have to get done at another time.

I have admitted before that I talk to my plants and I like nothing better than going round with the hose in one hand, clippers and a small bucket in the other, I water, pull a few weeds, snip off some dead heads and tell the plant how good it is looking, it is therapeutic and my family referred to it as my 'water therapy' and I really think they are right, I am sure my blood pressure goes down

I recall that after a day of dealing with the public and trying to keep all the languages right – it got 'messy' when I mixed up French with Japanese – well 'oui' and 'hi' both mean 'yes'- just depends where you come from.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed the talk on "bulbs going wild" at the horticultural society meeting. Have you ever stopped to think what a bulb contains?

We are getting used to people with their 'smart' phones they talk into instead of speaking to the people around them, and all the stuff that is pre-programmed.

Well just think – every bulb you have ever planted is 'pre-programmed' to start growing at a certain time and to bloom at a certain time – quite incredible really.

I recall when we planted the Daffodil Garden of Hope at the Queenston Firehall, the Hoekstra family sang a song, and the first line went "In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree" –so you see we gardeners are more with it than even we may realize.

Now to let Mother Nature have the last word to add to our confusion, have you looked at your forsythia lately? It has been blooming.

Happy gardening.

Parents invited to speak at second meeting of review process

First meeting draws only a handful of parents

Penny Coles
Editor's Notebook

The first meeting of the committee looking at the future of Parliament Oak School was held Wednesday, Sept. 18, with members taking a look at the process they will face in the coming months.

Under the direction of former District School Board of Niagara supervisor Sue Mark—she has retired but agreed to chair this committee— members went through the board policy on accommodations reviews page by page, to ensure they understand what is expected of them.

The reason the board is holding the accommodation review is due to declining enrolment, explained chair Sue Mark.

Parliament Oak, she said, is at 42% capacity, and that includes students in the French program that is being phased out.

The school is struggling with triple-split grades, and some parents have already decided to move their kids to Crossroads or other schools.

Between Parliament Oak and Crossroads, the likely home of Parliament Oak students should the Old Town school close, there are 278 empty spaces, she said.

This year there are 469 students at Crossroads and 126 at Parliament Oak—again including those in the French program—will be discussed at future meetings.

Trying to get information from the board is worse than pulling teeth. It would seem that numbers for those entering Junior and Senior Kindergarten at Parliament Oak is important information to fully understand the situation, but I'm told those figures will come out in due time.

Other questions directed at the board were not answered by press time.

The "meat" of the first meeting was to customize a standard portion of the process, the "school valuation framework," which sets out the value of the school to students, and to the school board, community and local economy.

The standard form asks questions that relate to all schools, but must be customized with input of review committee members to apply to the schools under review.

The answers come from principals and staff.

The documents—including the customized valuation framework—are available on the board's websites for parents, who are invited to the Wednesday, Sept. 25 meeting to participate.

The valuation won't be completed until committee members have reviewed parents' comments at the Oct. 2 meeting, Mark told the committee.

One of the questions at the first meeting, asked by Toby Simmonds, regarded the clarity of the difference between committee meetings and public meetings.

All meetings are open to the public, but those that are designated public meetings are opportunities for the public to speak.

However, Simmonds, on the review committee as the parent representing Parliament Oak's school council, said that distinction is not clear enough—parents could interpret that to mean they can only attend meetings designated as public, she said.

Last week's meeting drew only a handful of parents, and most left before the end, realizing there was little to be learned as committee members read through the process of the review, information that was available in print or on the website.

As Simmonds pointed out, parents who planned to speak at the Sept. 25 public meeting haven't been given a lot of information from which to form their comments.

On the review committee is Mark, trustees Jonathan Fast and Barb Ness, Crossroads principal Troy Wallace and school council representative Amanda Fretz, Parliament Oak principal Jennifer McDowell and school council representative Simmonds, John Henricks, the Town's director of planning as the municipal representative, and Laura Dominick, fund development officer for Big Brothers & Big Sisters as the business representative.

Henricks and Dominick were not at the first meeting, when their presence on the committee had to be approved by the other members.

It seems puzzling that so few parents attended the first meeting, unless they either didn't understand that it was an open meeting or felt that the outcome of the review is pre-determined. Hopefully this week will see a better turn-out of parents who will provide input that can help shape the future of elementary school education in NOTL.

The difficulty the Advance will have reporting on the meetings is that they are all on Wednesday evenings, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., after we go to press, but before we're delivered, so the timelines may seem confusing.

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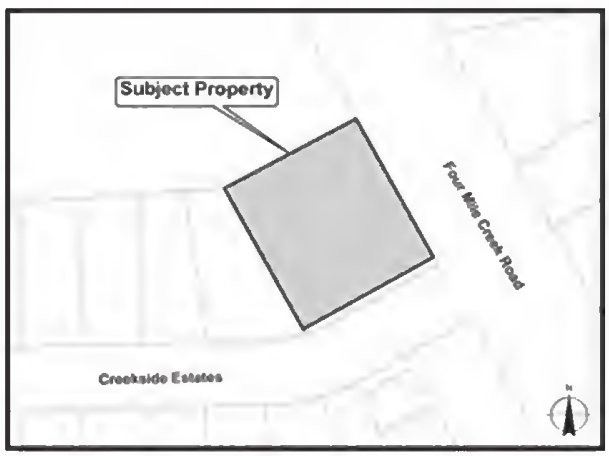

PROPOSED CHANGE
To permit the creation of three additional building lots.

HAVE YOUR SAY
Input on any proposed matter is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.

PUBLIC MEETING
Date: October 21, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter
Place: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Administration Offices
Council Chambers
1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario

WRITTEN SUBMISSION
To provide input in writing, or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Town Clerk Holly Dowd, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario, L0S 1T0.

MORE INFORMATION
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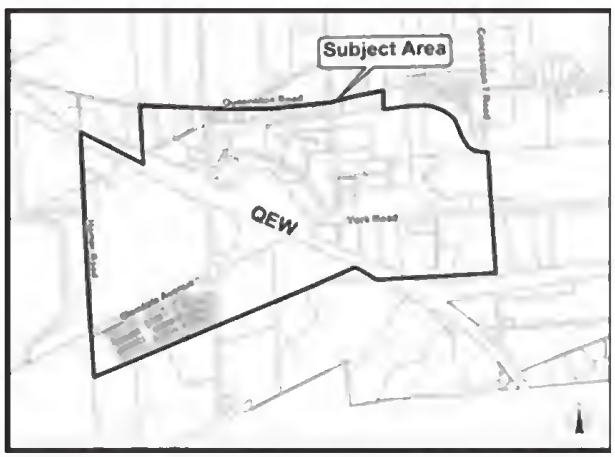
Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 26th day of September 2013.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Glendale Urban Areas - Zoning By-law Amendment



PROPOSED CHANGE
To amend Zoning By-law No. 4316-09, as amended, to implement the Glendale Secondary Plan by adding zone provisions for Glendale and to rescind Zoning By-law No. 500A-74, as amended, as it applies to Glendale.

The proposed amendment will provide for a new zoning district as follows:

Glendale Community Zoning District

- Residential (R1) Zone
- Residential (R2) Zone
- Residential Multiple (RM1) Zone
- Residential Multiple (RM2) Zone
- Residential Multiple (RM5) Zone
- Residential Development (RD) Zone
- Regional Commercial (RC) Zone
- Regional Commercial (RC1) Zone
- Prestige Industrial (PI) Zone
- Light Industrial (LI) Zone
- Business Industrial (B1) Zone
- Institutional (I) Zone
- Open Space (OS) Zone
- Environmental Conservation (EC) Zone
- Holding (H) Zone
- Village Commercial (VC) Zone

Properties that have previously been site-specifically zoned for particular uses will continue to be recognized in the proposed zoning by-law amendment for previously-approved uses.

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Wiens, 2013 Grape King, represents Ontario's wine industry

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

"The core of being Canadian is that we take pride in what we do. To display that Made in Canada label and know that it's respected world wide — that's why I'm proud to be Canadian," said Wes Wiens who was crowned the 2013 Grape King last week at Trius Winery at Hillebrand Vineyard Pavilion.

Wiens, of the Wiens Family Farms in Niagara-on-the-Lake, owns 400 acres of vineyards, with 19 varieties planted.

He was born and raised on a grape and tender fruit farm where he, along with his parents and three siblings, where he learned the value of a dollar as well as the innovative work ethic that has carried his family through the highs and lows of farming, said Zimmerman.

Wiens, along with his wife Briar and their four children continue to farm with Wes' family. Together with his brother Gary, his wife Lauren and their parents Abe and Agnes. They have transitioned to focus solely on vineyards.

"We are thrilled to have Wes serve as the 2013 Grape King and be the ambassador for Ontario's grape growing industry," said Bill George, Grape Growers of Ontario chair.

Wes Wiens of the Wiens Family Farm in NOTL is the 2013 Grape King.

"Wes is a young, dynamic figure who has quickly established himself as a leader in viticulture innovation," he said.

Despite the strong year for grape growers, Wiens said that the industry needs to keep continued pressure on the government to continue to move the industry forward.

"When I was told I was Grape King I took a step back and looked at the wine industry from British Columbia to Nova Scotia," he said. What he saw was tight knit vineyard communities and no matter where he went he saw a familiar face.

As Grape King, Wiens will represent Ontario's grape and wine industry at events across the country. He will have a float in the 62nd annual CIBC Grande Parade Saturday.

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Cause of Niagara–on–the–Lake limo fire still under investigation

Karena Walter
QMI Agency Niagara

The Niagara-on-the-Lake family who fled from a burning limo on the QEW earlier this month is still dealing with the aftermath as Transport Canada continues to investigate the cause of the fire.

Rob Newman, his wife and four children were heading back from a trip to Florida, arranged through the Help a Child Smile organization, when the limo they were riding in burst into flames Sept. 3.

Newman crawled out a window and pulled his 15-year-old daughter to safety while the others bailed out a door that was opened by the limo driver.

The vehicle was gutted and their suitcases, carry-ons, cellphones, cameras, personal computers and Disney souvenirs were ruined.

Transport Canada said it is looking at the limousine to see if the fire resulted from a manufacturing defect.

Spokeswoman Karine Martel said in an email the exact cause hasn't been determined. "As this investigation is still ongoing, it would be inappropriate to speculate on the root cause of this incident at this point in time."

She said the department was not aware of any similar fires with similar type vehicles in Canada. Despite not having a cause, the agency said the incident is not related to a limo fire in California in which five women were killed.

In that case, a failed suspension system sparked the fire in which passengers were trapped.

The family was returning from an all-inclusive trip to Disney World, arranged because Newman's 18-year-old daughter Joy is in remission from osteosarcoma, a bone cancer.

Newman is hoping some good comes out of the incident and that other limo passengers become aware of where fire extinguishers are and how to unlock doors.

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Enjoy a coffee for Alzheimer Society with family health team

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Family Health Team is holding its first ever Alzheimer Coffee Break Tuesday.

Registered nurse Jessie Clark is organizing the fundraising event to coincide with National Seniors Day, the day the federal government has put aside to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Canadian seniors.

"Since our community has a high population of seniors, we thought this was a good opportunity to celebrate them," she says.

Willow Cakes and Pastries and the Sandtrap Bar and Grill are donating treats to go along with the afternoon event, while NEOB Lavender is donating gift baskets to be raffled off.

All proceeds will go to the Alzheimer Society of Niagara.

One of Clark's jobs with the family health team is to promote wellness programs for seniors, and an important part of that has been to renew a partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Niagara that would see programs for patients with dementia, and their loved ones and caregivers, offered at the Virgil medical clinic.

Although the day hasn't been set, the Alzheimer Society has agreed to provide staff at the Virgil clinic one day a month, to meet with dementia patients and their family members.

They will provide screening, information about caregiver resources, and community links and referrals, says Clark.

Alzheimer staff will see seniors through referrals and will also have some drop-in hours.

In addition to bringing Alzheimer Society staff to NOTL for seniors who are unable to drive to the Ontario St. office in St. Catharines, Clark is developing other wellness programs for seniors, including memory screening, a continence clinic and falls prevention.

The Alzheimer Coffee Break is Tuesday, Oct. 1 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., with Lord Mayor Dave Eke expected at 3 p.m. It will be held in the parking lot of the Niagara Medical Clinic in Virgil, with a tent in case of inclement weather.

Simpson's Pharmasave is offering a 20% discount to seniors to celebrate National Seniors Day and the Alzheimer Coffee Break.

This year's Coffee Break event kicks off Thursday, with a goal for Niagara of $105,000 to be raised by December.

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Laura Dominick of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, John Kinney of Whirlpool Jet Boats, Dale Davis, head of the agency's St. Catharines Branch, Dr. Jim Turpel, Troy Wallace, principal of Crossroads, NRP Chief Jeff McGuire, Toni Mori of Mori Garden Centre, Tom Thornton and Sheldon Ehrenworth pose for a photograph outside Crossroads Public School Thursday before Kinney, Turpel, Wallace, Mori, Thornton and Ehrenworth head off to the agency's jail to await bail donations Thursday.

'Jail and Bail' for Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Event raises more than $15,00 for local organization

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The new Crossroads principal is off to a good start this school year—he was arrested Thursday morning in front of cheering teachers and students, handcuffed and taken away in a Niagara Regional Police paddy wagon.

It was all in good fun, and for a good cause — his bail money goes to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of St. Catharines, Thorold and District, which includes Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Troy Wallace was just one of several Niagara-on-the-Lake people arrested—he was in good company, hauled off to jail by chief of police Jeff McGuire along with Tonie Mori, John Kinney, Dr. Jim Turpel and Tom Thornton.

Each was hoping to raise sufficient bail to secure their release from the Big Brothers and Big Sisters jail at Niagara St.

Although Jail and Bail fundraisers are not new, it is for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, says Laura Dominick, fund development officer.

"We thought it was a good opportunity to have some fun, raise some money and draw attention to our needs."

It was also new to Wallace, although he admitted to being handcuffed before—his brother is a police officer, he said, and had 'practised' on him.

He was out of jail in time to attend Crossroads' Thursday evening opportunity to meet parents, he said, and it was a great conversation-opener—many of the kids had told their parents about watching their principal being arrested and carted off in a paddy wagon, without being too clear on the details.

About 40 community leaders from the area were arrested, and more than $15,000 donated for bail, said Dominick.

The agency, which just celebrated its 76th anniversary, serves 1,400 children, on a budget of $600,000.

That revenue comes from personal donations, service clubs and special-event fundraisers, says Dominick, with the only government money from grants—there is no sustainable government funding for the organization.

"Our aim is to support at-risk youth, to help them become happier, healthier and more confident. We want them to be active, contributing members of our community. But there is a widening gap between what we want to do and what we can do."

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Wallace welcomed at Crossroads

Troy Wallace is new to Crossroads Public School, but he is not new to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The principal says being principal at the Virgil school on Niagara Stone Rd. feels very comfortable, even a little familiar.

Wallace spent three summers as a teen working at a local tender fruit co-operative on East and West Line.

He has also visited the town many times—his inlaws, Justin and the late Fran VenHuizen, used to run a bed and breakfast just down the road from the Oban Inn, and his father-in-law still lives in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

He also has a good friend from his boyhood—the two were neighbours and did pretty much everything together—whose kids are at Crossroads.

He's come from Dalewood and Ferndale public schools, not far away, he added.

And he has found the parents, and the school community, to be very friendly, warm and welcoming, he says.

"I feel right at home here. It's a great school."

United Way has impact on lives of people in NOTL

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

There's a catchy little video on the St. Catharines and District United Way website that says it all.

One in three people in the St. Catharines district, which includes Niagara-on-the-Lake, benefits from one or more of the 80 local agencies receiving United Way funding.

Sean Simpson of Simpson's Pharmasave was at council Monday to remind NOTL residents of the impact of United Way on their community. A United Way board member for four years, he says it's easy for locals to forget about all it accomplishes, because there are no visible United Way-funded agencies in NOTL.

But guaranteed, there are people in town who benefit from one or more of those agencies, he said.

The St. Catharines district covers everything from NOTL to Grimsby, he says.

"I would love to have more representation from NOTL. There is not quite the awarness of what United Way does, the agencies we support and the impact it has on NOTL."

Any agency or charity in NOTL could apply for United Way funding, he says—as an example, Crossroads Public School has a breakfast program that is funded through the United Way.

Other agencies that benefit NOTL residents are the local branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, the MS Society and the CNIB.

"They have offices in St. Catharines, but they definitely have an impact on the lives of people in NOTL. I've always been drawn to United Way, because there are so many agencies looking for donations, agencies which help so many different people with different problems."

In general, people in NOTL are very fortunate, he said, "but as a community we're only as strong as our weekend link."

By giving kids the tools they need, by empowering people and helping those living in poverty, "we can make a much stronger community and NOTL can only benefit from that."

Any money donated to United Way St. Catharines stays in the district. A panel of local volunteers evaluate applications and identify the programs that need money and deliver valuable services, he said.

Simpson's is one of the businesses in town that offers a payroll deduction program to its employees. For a very little amount of administrative time, employees can ask to have a deduction from their pay donated to United Way, so a donation doesn't present a financial burden, says Simpson.

"It makes it easier for people to give. Even if it's $1 or $2 a week, it all adds up over the course of a year. No amount is too small."

With a loss of the large manufacturing industry in St. Catharines, United Way has to depend increasingly on small businesses joining the payroll deduction program, he says.

Last year's goal of $3.2 million was slightly exceeded, and this year's goal is again $3.2 million.

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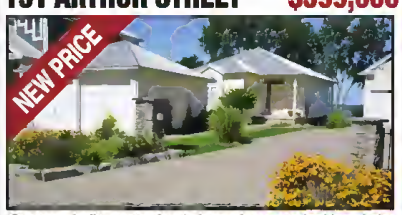

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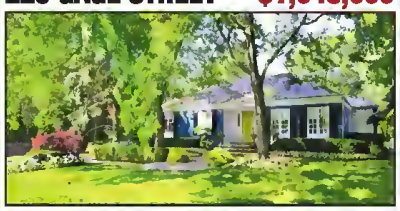

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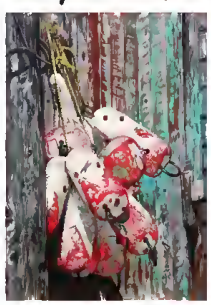

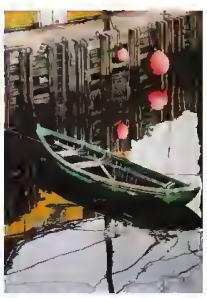

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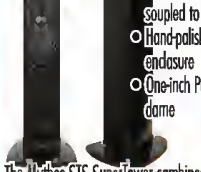

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Work to enhance Dock Area underway

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

After decades of discussion and thousands of dollars spent on consultants, work on the Dock Area improvement plan has begun.

Last April the Town settled on a plan to enhance the Dock Area and is now moving forward with its first phase.

The plan was not what the last consultant recommended—Town staff instead came up with an alternative that satisfied council.

Councillors agreed to a five-foot wide path of limestone screening along the waterfront—a surface hard enough to be accessible to wheelchairs but more natural in appearance than pavement, and considered more historically accurate. The 600-foot path will follow the route of the old train tracks from Delatre St. to Ball St.

But many locals have been fighting a path for years, and now that work has begun, that part of the project has some residents fuming.

"It just makes me sick to think about what they're doing to that railway right-of-way. It is such a beautiful, natural path. It's perfect just the way it is," says Judy Maclachlan, who attended many public meetings about the Dock Area during several consultation processes.

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Jet boat dock to be cleaned up this fall upon instructions from town

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"We spent so much time telling them what we wanted and what we didn't want. But did they listen?"

Many locals walk with their kids and dogs along the path, which is extremely hard and perfectly accessible, she says.

"I've never pushed a wheelchair on the path but give me a chance and I'm sure I could," says Maclachlan.

She's also spoken to tourists who like the path just the way it is, she says.

"Lots of tourists find the path and stroll along it. They like what they see, and they don't want it all tarted up," she says. "I just don't get it."

Clive Buist, the Town's parks and recreation director, disagrees that the existing path is accessible.

"It's just uneven grass. Limestone screening is the minimum standard for accessibility. It's public land and it should be accessible to everybody. We're keeping it as natural as we can."

The shoulder parking area along Delatre St. will be reduced and delineated with cedar bollards to allow for more green space, a border of 42 seven-foot tall cedar trees will run along the fence beside the jet boat operation to block it from view, and five benches, possibly donated as memorials, will face the water.

An old retaining wall and two trees are being removed.

The Town's plan, at a cost of less than $40,000, was approved by councillors who liked that it is much less invasive than the last consultant's vision of the sensitive area, which included a three-storey building for commercial and residential use, with small shops and restaurants.

Instead, council said they wanted to see the area remain a natural, passive green space, with a path that would make it accessible to everyone.

The Dock Area work is being done in phases, as time and money permits, with shoreline protection one of the future stages.

Much of the work will be done by town staff, as time permits, says Buist.

The April report said Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours would be asked to clean up the cluttered entrance to the leased town dock.

Buist says nothing has been finalized with the tour boat company yet, but meetings to discuss the issue will be held in November.

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Blu–ze afternoon to raise money for Red Roof

Musical lineup includes jazz, blues and reggae

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

When it comes to events supporting the Roof Retreat, the community of Niagara-on-the-Lake has been known for coming together and making them a success.

Neil Dalhouse, organizer of A Blu-ze Afternoon in NOTL, hopes that the community will not only support the event itself, but come out and fundraise for Red Roof Retreat.

Dalhouse promises the show will be a "bit of jazz, some serious blues and some mighty fine reggae."

Performing at the Blu-ze Afternoon in NOTL are Heather Bambrick, Toronto's Jay Douglas & The All Star Band and special guest artist Danny B.

Bambrick is in demand as a performer, educator and broadcaster. She is also host and producer of Sunday Afternoon Jazz and Dinner Jazz on Jazz 91.1.

"My wife and I are avid listeners to 91.1 Jazz, we've been listening to it for years and it's really the only radio station we listen to," said Dalhouse.

"We were really lucky to get Heather here because she's so busy."

A Blu-ze Afternoon in NOTL will be held Oct. 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Dalhouse said the timing for the event wasn't by coincidence.

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Heather Bambrick, performer, educator and broadcaster, will be one of the talents to be featured at A Blu-ze Afternoon held to benefit Red Roof Retreat.

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Matinee event planned to appeal to locals, visitors

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"I decided to hold the event in the afternoon as it would give out-of-towners a chance to make a day of it in NOTL. They could come into NOTL early that morning, see the town, visit a winery or two, have lunch, attend the show and be back home by 7 p.m.," said Dalhouse, who lives in Virgil.

If the event is a success he said he would like to hold more in the future.

"I'm really hoping that it goes well. I plan to work with Red Roof Retreat on a bigger scale in the future."

Douglas first stepped on the stage as a youth in Montego Bay, Jamaica, and since then his career has taken off. He now calls Toronto home and has also worked with a large number of recognized entertainers, including Jim Carrey.

He's performed on Breakfast Television several times and is also a two-time Juno nominee.

He will be bringing with him his eight-piece all-star band, which will back up both Bambrick and Danny B.

"Danny B is a singer, voice-over talent, a harmonica player and actor. He has the ability to adapt to any style of entertainment," said Dalhouse.

He has been in movies, live theatre productions, and has contributed vocals, voice-overs and harmonic to scores of TV and radio commercials. He's also no stranger to live performances, having travelled all over Canada and the U.S. performing.

Tickets for A Blu-ze Afternoon in NOTL can be purchased at Simpson's Pharmasave, or at the Chamber of Commerce.

They can also be purchased online at www.niagaraonthelake.com/page/event/4973/9

The event will take place Oct. 6, 3 to 5 p.m. at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre. Tickets are limited to 300 people.

"We're hoping that everyone really enjoys this," said Dalhouse.

Danny B, singer, voice-over talent, harmonica player and actor will be performing at A Blu-ze Afternoon, Oct. 6 at NOTL.
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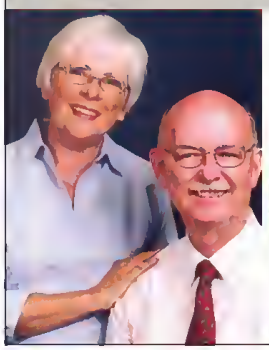

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Craitor announces retirement from politics citing family and health

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"We've been very pleased and honoured to support Kim over the last number of years, but we can understand if he is feeling that it is his time to retire," said Gansel. "Everybody reaches a point when they need to go and I'm sorry to lose him. He was an excellent MPP and certainly did a lot for Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie for the last 10 years."

Gansel noted the provincial Liberal party will now be putting together a search committee and they will be working on finding a new candidate to run for the riding association.

Gansel said being an MPP can be quite taxing physically, but she hadn't heard if Craitor's decision to retire had anything to do with his previous health concerns.

Premier Kathleen Wynne on Tuesday released the following statement:

MPP Kim Craitor announced his retirement from politics Tuesday.

"Today, Kim Craitor advised me of his resignation and that he is stepping down as the MPP for Niagara Falls, effective immediately."

Craitor was first elected to the Ontario legislature in 2003, and has a long history of public service in his community.

Over the last 10 years, he has served as Parliamentary Assistant in various portfolios, including Community and Social Services, Energy and Infrastructure, Tourism and Culture, and Community Safety and Correctional Services.

"I thank him for his service and wish him luck in his future endeavours," Wynne said.

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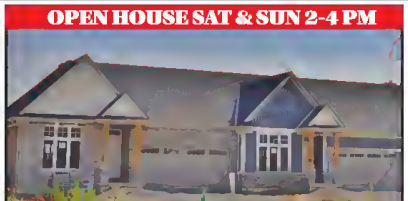

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New paint in trendy colours can update older home

Shelagh Wallace
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This summer, Creek Road Painters painted four extreme makeovers in Garrison Village (which might be construed as a trend).

Garrison Village was peach orchards and mixed-use farms until building began in the early 1970s. The first residents were young families, many from the Old Town. (Back then our painters were painting interiors in beige, grey, and dusty rose.)

One of these recent Garrison Village makeovers was by Tobi and Al Brockway. We asked Tobi (of Tobi Brockway Interiors) what drew them to NOTL, and Garrison Village in particular, and her suggestions for updating 70s-era homes.

"After living for nine years in downtown Toronto, we were ready for a more serene lifestyle. NOTL has always been a favourite destination with its wineries, various festivals throughout the year, including the Shaw, and beautiful scenery.

"We were looking for about six months for a bungalow a 20 to 25 minute walk from Queen St. and then fell in love with our home as soon as we saw the beautifully treed ravine lot which backs on Two Mile Creek. We also feel that the neighbourhood reflects a real pride of ownership.

"The most obvious update was replacing the carpeting on the main floor and basement but it wasn't until the carpeting was removed that we found out we needed a new subfloor. There were numerous cracks in the walls and foundation due to settling that needed to be repaired as well as updating the plumbing and electrical to meet today's codes. The original kitchen was galley-style so we removed the walls to create a more open layout.

A NOTL home painted this week by Creek Road Painters showcases the most popular Benjamin Moore colour, Cloud White, CC-40.

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"The ceilings can be easily updated by skimming and painting the surface and adding pot lights. We replaced the baseboards, casings around the doors and windows and the doors themselves. Pre-finished, wider width hardwood is another way to easily update an older home. Wall coverings are back in a huge way. I selected textured and patterned wallpaper for a feature wall in our dining room as well as on the wall behind the headboard in our master bedroom. 90% of my clients are applying wallpaper to their powder bathrooms, as well as feature walls in other rooms.

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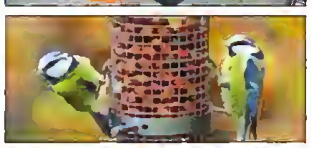

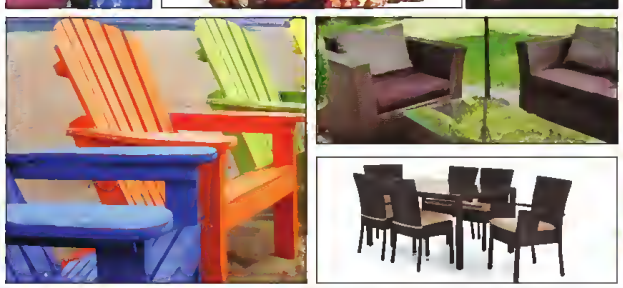

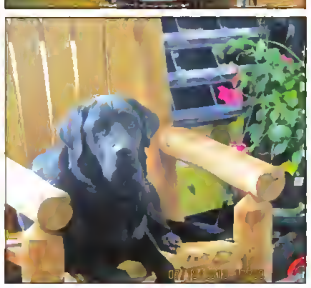

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Hiring the right contractor the key to your dream renovation

The time has come and you are ready to bring your dream renovation into reality.

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This will be the service that will take care of your needs and provide confidence in the concept and planning stage right through to completion. This is a major decision that requires careful consideration of many factors all the while keeping a close eye on your budget.

Contractors are skilled at taking your dream and making it a reality. They take the time to get to know your tastes and preferences and bring into the fold the appropriate support services and trades to get the job done.

All of these responsibilities are critical to the overall success of the project but also impact your enjoyment of the process. With the right approach and keeping the following tips in mind going through a renovation can be quite satisfying and rewarding.

The first priority in the process is to get written quotes from more than one contractor. Make sure that they provide:

- Complete description of the work and who will be doing the work
- The type and quality of materials
- Project start and completion dates
- Itemized costs and total price
- A statement of any guarantees the contractor can offer
- The required method of payment
- Contact information for references
- Qualifications of the contractor and their trades

Ultimately going through this initial process with contractors will provide you with an opportunity to develop comfortable communication.

Skilled contractors have the ability to turn your dreams and ideas into reality.

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Hiring the right contractor for your renovation is about how they make you feel throughout this process. There should be no mystery to you about how everything will come to fruition and especially how your budget will be allocated and managed. Open communication that allows for your involvement at whatever level satisfies your comfort is going to be key to a positive experience.

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Martial arts more than 'kicking and punching'

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Kizen Martial Arts is making a name for itself in Niagara-on-the-Lake, with a program at the community centre.

"We've had a lot of positive feedback from the people in NOTL. A lot of families that have walked in are happy that they no longer have to travel out of town to get their kids to a martial arts school," said Sensei Michelina Cusano-Chambers, who is the chief instructor at Kizen Martial Arts and runs the majority of the classes. Her husband Carl Chambers also teaches classes.

"It's great to have both of us teach martial arts because you get the male and female perspective of it," she said.

She began teaching martial arts in Oakville eight years ago and just recently moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"We contacted Kevin Turcotte at the community centre and he said that they would love to see a program like this for the kids in NOTL," said Cusano-Chambers.

The program isn't limited to children, the age ranges from four-years-old to adults.

"Karate isn't just about kicking and punching," said Cusano-Chambers.

The practice of karate can be as a combat sport or self-defence training.

"There's the physical aspect to karate - it gets people in shape and keeps them fit, but we also focus on the mental aspect. We teach the students control and focus," she said.

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Sensei Michelina Cusano-Chambers who runs Kizen Martial Arts at the community centre in NOTL is providing a new opportunity for kids and adults.

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FRIESEN, Auguste (nee Voth) - passed away peacefully on September 19, 2013 in St. Catharines. She succumbed to her severe injuries after an unfortunate fall. She was born December 5, 1927 in Gnadenfeld, Ukraine. Auguste was a loving wife, adoring Oma and a faithful Christian. She was a dedicated member of Niagara United Mennonite Church. Auguste is survived by her husband of 63 years, Franz Friesen, her daughter Hilda Kroeker and husband John, son Rudy Friesen and wife Dorothy, son Karl Friesen and wife Linda, son Helmut Friesen and wife Lucy, daughter Lydia McKenzie and husband Rob, daughter Dory Fowler and husband Craig. Auguste's grandchildren were her pride and joy: Nevin and Arden, Derek and Danielle, (the late) Mark, Matthew, Nathan, Lauryn, Gary and Breanne (great grandchild Jack), Alex, Julia, Jordan, Kristen, Ryan and Corey. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Red Roof Retreat (redroofretreat.com) or Walker Family Cancer Centre. A viewing will be held on Monday September 23rd at the Niagara United Mennonite Church from 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm, 1775 Niagara Stone Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Funeral, Tuesday September 24, 2013 at 10:30 am at N.U.M. Online condolences at www.tallmanfuneralhomes.ca

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PROUDFOOT, Dr. James - On September 16, 2013 at his home in Dessford, England, Dr. Proudfoot succumbed to a long and hard fought battle with cancer. His wife Catherine, daughter Kaye and daughter Shona Proudfoot Bradnam (Gary) were by his side at the time of death. James was born in Dundee, Scotland on August 3, 1934. After a brilliant career in the RAF where he rose to the rank of Flight Squadron Leader he received his medical degree, practiced in Leicester, England and then immigrated with his family to Canada. His first position as a family doctor was with the Auto Workers Clinic in St. Catharines prior to opening a practice on Oakdale Ave. in the same city. James finished his practice after his retirement as a family physician at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital Medical Centre and still maintains a residence in the town. James had four major passions in his life, his love for his family, aviation, his medicine and dedications to his patients whom he missed dearly after retirement. He was very proud of being named as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the McMaster Medical facilities. Lastly, his life long love of music where he learned to play several instruments and could croon a tune with the best of them. James had many close friends and acquaintances in the Medical and professional fields as well as those he encountered through life. The family would like to thank Dr. Redmond and Dr. Adams for their years of lifelong friendship and care, the Medical Staff at Jurvanski Cancer Centre and the many Drs., Specialists, medical staff and caregivers at the National Health System in England. Private services are to be held in Leicester, England.

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STEWART, Frank Edward - Passed away peacefully on Monday, September 23, 2013 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital at the age of 92. Frank has been reunited with his beloved wife Aggie who passed away on August 16th, 2013. Dear father of the late Margaret Ann, Linda (Wayne) Mayers, Mary (Ayton) Grady, Barbara (Ray) Bretzloff and Michael (Heather). Cherished grandfather of Katharine, Jennifer, Raymond, Geoffrey, Janet, Michael Dean and Rebecca and great-grandfather of Haley, Ethan, Abigail, Elle, Brinley, Jaden. Brother of Audrey (late Mervin) Hartley, the late Edna (the late Archie) Beatty, the late Fred Stewart (Evelyn). Special thanks are extended to the Brock Ward at GNGH for their care and compassion. Cremation has taken place. Frank's family will receive friends at **MORSE & SON FUNERAL HOME** 5917 Main Street, Niagara Falls, on Tuesday, October 1st from 10 -11 o'clock followed by a celebration of Frank's life. A private interment will be held at a later date. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the GNGH Foundation. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morseandson.com

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VYSE, Gordon Malcolm - Peacefully at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Thursday September 19, 2013 at the age of 91. Beloved husband of E. Ruth for 66 years. Loving father of Victoria, the late Jared (Briar), Sandy Tee (Vic) and Jeff. Cherished grandfather of Marlon (Pam), Darryl (Kim), Chris, Alex, Danielle, Mackenzie, Trevor, Travis and great-grandfather of Hayley, Emma, Noah, Rory, Anna, Liam and Leah. Uncle of Heather Toner (Mark), Andy Gray (Pam) and Val Gray. Gordon was a veteran of WWII, a member of Six Nations Reserve and a dedicated member of the St. Davids & District Lions Club. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held at MORSE & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5917 Main Street. A private family burial will take place at a later date. In memory of Gordon, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.
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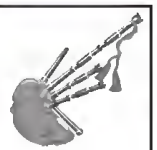

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Chris Corney is tired of the bigger, more competitive centres trying to poach Niagara-on-the-Lake girls who are good soccer players.

He and a couple of coaches are doing something about it, beginning with one team and hoping to add more.

The NOTL Soccer Club is holding tryouts for its new elite girls 11 and under travel program this week and next—that's girls born in 2003.

His daughter is one of them, he says, and he wants to help create opportunities for her and other girls who love soccer to stay in town and play a more competitive level of soccer.

"We're developing a program to help our own girls stay here and be more competitive, and help them get scholarships in the future," he says.

Two years ago, the soccer club scraped together a girls travel team, playing the St . Catharines Jets and Club Roma, and finished at the bottom of the pack.

This past season, under head coach Matt Hahn, they had enough players to field a second team, and their top team placed eighth, which put them at the last place in the top tier—quite an improvement from the first year.

This year, says Corney, the team manager, they plan to finish top two in the league.

They have recruited some good coaches, and they plan to run clinics throughout the winter.

They are also trying to pin down an indoor location so they can play through the winter as well.

"We're going to take the program to the next level, talking about nutrition, doing some anaerobic exercising and preparing girls for game days."

Girls are scouted from the ages of 12 and 13, he said, and some are recruited to private schools, he said.

"We want to create our own program so we can keep them here in NOTL."

While the program will include only the one age group this year, "we 100% plan to involve all age groups eventually. We'll create some momentum with this group and hopefully get some other teams in the future."

Tryouts beginning Thursday, Sept. 26, continuing Sunday, Sept. 29, Thursday Oct. 3 and Sunday Oct. 6, all at the Virgil sports field and all from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The cost for tryouts is $25, and girls are asked to arrive 20 minutes before the first session to complete tryout registration.

For more information email Corney at ccorney3@cogeco.ca.

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Ladies vs. men on the greens

For the first time at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club the ladies Solheim Cup team played a match against the men's Senior Ryder Cup team.

The event took place Friday, with players on each team. A random draw for the pairings was made by captains Martha Cruikshank and Harry Huizer.

The four handicap matches played were very competitive and after the 9-hole matches were finished the men's Senior Ryder Cup team won the coveted trophy.

All 16 golfers showed both skill and sportsmanship throughout the matches. With the success of the event organizers hope that this will become an annual event at the NOTL golf club.

The following are the team members: Ladies Solheim Cup team and Men's Senior Ryder Cup tea: Martha Cruikshank and Harry Huizer, Pam Earl and Neil Cuthbertson, Lisa Allen and Larry Larose, Barbara Ahluwalia and Doug Garrett, Judy Mantle and Paul Dickson, Margot Richardson and Darryl Fry, Sue Sherk and Karl Keilhau, Yolanda Henry and Mike Eagen.

Ladies Nine Hole Section wraps up season

The Ladies Nine Hole Section of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club played the final round for the Getchen Ormston Memorial Trophy, Sept. 17.

The winner this year was Dorothy Williams with a two round gross total of 105.

By winning this award Dorothy is the Nine Hole Section Champion. The runner up was Arlene Marian with a gross total of 107.

The "B" Cup winner was Moyra McEachern with a gross score of 115. The runner up was Carolyn Greenfield with a gross score of 123.

The low gross of 50 and the low putts of 12 for the day were scored by Barbara Langohr. The low gross of 35 was scored by Arlene Marian. Shirley Holroyd had a chip in on hole No. 1. Diane Hinchley and Pat Braun had a chip in on hole No. 9 and Pat had a birdie on hole No. 9.

This was the last regular game for the Ladies Nine Hole Section. The held their closing day celebration Tuesday.

The ladies team took on the men's team at the NOTL Golf Club last week. Men's and ladies team from left, Sue Sherk, Judy Mantle, Yolanda Henry, Margot Richardson, Barbara Ahluwalia, Lisa Allen, Pam Earl, Martha Cruikshank, Harry Huizer, Paul Dickson, Neil Cuthbertson, Karl Keilhau, Mike Eagen, Larry Larose, Doug Garrett and Darryl Fry.

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